THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Recruitment of under qualified Engineers**

†3690. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an advertisement was given by the Union Public Service Commission on the 22nd September, 2001 for the post of Superintendent Engineer (Civil) and if so, the qualifications prescribed for the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of the 33 selected persons most of them do not fulfil all the qualifications;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these engineers are being assigned the responsibility of the National Highways projects; and

(d) if so, the basis thereof and who would be responsible for the durability of the highways constructed by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) The Union Public Service Commission has not given any advertisement for the post of Superintendent Engineer (Civil) on the 22nd September, 2001 for the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**National Highways in Madhya Pradesh**

†3691. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the National Highways in Madhya Pradesh together with their length;

(b) the amount released for maintenance of these highways during the last three years and the amount utilised; and

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(c) whether Government are considering to declare some more highways as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) There are 18 National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh having total length of 4734 Kms.

(b) Quantum of amount released and utilized for maintenance of National Highways during the last three years is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Amount released | Amount utilized |
|---|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 48.03 | 38.85 |
| 2001-02 | 60.84 | 51.56 |
| 2000-01 | 86.36 | 92.67 |

(c) No, Sir.

**Traffic jam due to Kanwariyas**

†3692. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that normal traffic gets jammed on the Delhi-Meerut-Haridwar-Rishikesh highways during a number of months because of the Kanwariyas movement thereon;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct some parallel road for their movement;

(c) if so, by when the construction work is likely to started; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to solve the problem arising out of their movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Traffic gets affected on this route during the period when movement of Kanwariyas takes place.

(b) No, Sir.

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